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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KLAPPROTH, Holger) Atty. Docket: STURK 0002
Serial No. _____ (corresponding to)
PCT/EP01/05557 filed 16 May 2002)
Filed: Herewith)
LINKER SYSTEM FOR ACTIVATING)
SURFACES FOR BIOCONJUGATION) Date: 16 January 2002
(As Amended))

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (A)

BOX: PATENT APPLICATION (DO/EO/US)

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fees, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title wherever it may appear to read as follows:

-- **LINKER SYSTEM FOR ACTIVATING SURFACES FOR
BIOCONJUGATION** --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims to delete multiple dependencies and replace them with the following: